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States and Feds Crack Down on Immigration "Consultants"

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This year, the U.S. government has made good on its promise to crack down on immigration "consultants" who are just fraudulently peddling bad advice on ways to enter the country in supposed compliance with law.

For example, just a few months ago, the feds indicted a California immigration consultant and 13 associates who were obtaining payments of thousands of dollars from each of their "clients" in Russia and Eastern European countries to facilitate their immigration into this country.

The ring reportedly obtained payments of as much as \$20,000 per person to arrange entry to the U.S. by marriage or engagement, but the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ultimately sniffed out the fraud and denied all pertinent petitions to enter the U.S.

The state of Indiana also added its name to the list of states that has cracked down on fraudulent immigration "consultants," targeting notary public fraud artists who pose as "Notarios," taking advantage of Hispanic immigrants who understand "Notario Publico" to be a term given to attorneys with special credentials.

Indiana shut down various individuals earlier this year who were operating as Notarios, and nailed them for practicing law without a license.

If either you or a family member needs help with a visa or green card, do not rely upon "consultants" who tell you they are cheaper and faster than lawyers. Instead, let us help you to succeed legally. Just call our offices at (847) 564-0712 to schedule an appointment and/or check out the pertinent section of <u>our Website</u> for more information on how we can be of assistance.